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SUBJ: 60TH ECOSOC--DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM

1. FOLLOWING IS A REVISED GHANAIA DRAFT RES ON THE
WORLD CONFERENCE. NOTE THAT OP PARA 2 OF THE PROPOSED
RES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFERS BACK TO RES 3057
(XXX). THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRE-
VIOUS DRAFT AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE CONSIDERED A
"CLEAN" RES BY THE WESTERN EUROPEANS. DEPT COMMENTS
REQUESTED EARLIEST POSSIBLE MORNING MAY 4.

QUOTE:

WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1938 (LVII)B OF 6 MAY, 1975,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT
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NOTING THE COMMUNICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA IN
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WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS REITERATED ITS OFFER TO HOST THE WORLD

CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

NOTING ALSO THAT ON ACCOUNT OF THE HEAVY EXPENDITURE INVOLVED THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEFRAID HALF OF THE ADDITIONAL COST INVOLVED IN HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN ACCRA,

RECOGNISING THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH GHANA IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CONFERENCE,

REITERATING ITS CONVICTION THAT A WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HELD IN AN AFRICAN DEVELOPING COUNTRY, WOULD REPRESENT A HIGH POINT OF THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,

1. REITERATES ITS TOTAL ABHORRENCE OF ALL FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID

2. WELCOMES WITH APPRECIATION GHANA'S CONTINUED INTERESTS IN HOSTING THE WORLD CONFERENCE, IN PARTICULAR THE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA HAS PLEDGED ITSELF TO MAKE TOWARDS THAT END;

3. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDER FAVOURABLY THE REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEFRAID HALF OF THE ADDITIONAL COST INVOLVED IN HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN GHANA.

4. AUTHORISES THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL GROUPS, TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ACT AS THE PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

(A) TO COMPLETE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA, THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN PARTICULAR ITS PROVISIONAL AGENDA, COST, REPRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE AND DOCUMENTATION;
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(B) TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS 62ND SESSION;

(C) THE PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE, MAY, WHILE CARRYING OUT THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO IT, DRAW ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF

MINORITIES, THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE WITH ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3057(XXVII) IN WHICH IT REAFFIRMED ITS DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE THE TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL ELIMINATION OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID,

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTION 3378(XXX),

NOTING ECOSOC RESOLUTION

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEFRAID HALF OF THE ADDITIONAL COST INVOLVED IN HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN GHANA, AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF ECOSOC IN THIS REGARD,

RECOGNISING THAT GHANA IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THAT DESPITE UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA IS MAKING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CONFERENCE:

1. WELCOMES AGAIN AND WITH APPRECIATION THE OFFER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA TO HOST THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND TAKES NOTE OF THE MEASURES CONTEMPLATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AIMED AT ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE;

2. DECIDES, IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, TO CONVENE A WORLD CONFERENCE IN GHANA PREFERABLY IN THE SUMMER OF 1978, TO MOBILISE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND ADOPT MEASURES LIKELY TO SECURE THE FULL AND UNIVERSAL IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ON RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID, DECOLONISATION

AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

3. DECIDES TO MAKE EXCEPTION TO ITS RESOLUTION 2609(XXIV)
AND APPROVE THAT HALF OF THE ADDITIONAL COST INVOLVED IN
HOLDING THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN GHANA BE DEFRAIDED FROM THE
REGULAR BUDGET OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAINTAIN HIS CONTACTS
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA CONCERNING FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN GHANA.

5. DECIDES TO CONSIDER THE ITEM WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE
DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AT ITS 32ND SESSION WITH HIGH PRIORITY.

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